

REMARKS

Claims 9, 19 and 22 are currently amended. Claims 1-8, 13-18 and 23-24 are cancelled. Claims 9-12 and 19-22 are currently pending.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

In the Office Action, dated June 11, 2009 [*hereinafter* Final Office Action], the Examiner argued that claims 9-12 and 19-22 were indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2. Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to amended claim 9 and Fig. 2, as Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Amended claim 9 calls for, among other things, a feedback path having a first node and a second node, a current sensing portion, an analog-to-digital converter, a direct current cancellation portion, a current limiter portion, a digital-to-analog converter and a switch, wherein the analog-to-digital converter is adapted to process voice signals. The Examiner rejected the previous claim language because the Examiner argued that an input and output to a feedback loop was unclear. Amended claim 9 specifically recites a first node and a second node, wherein the first node is coupled to the analog-to-digital converter input and the second node is coupled to the digital-to-analog converter output. Claim 9 no longer recites an input and output, thus the Examiner's argument that a feedback loop cannot have an input and an output is moot. In support of this amendment, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to Fig. 2 for an illustration of an exemplary embodiment in view of claim 9. It should be appreciated that references to the Specification are provided for exemplary illustrative purposes only and are not to be construed as limitations of any pending claim.

In view of the preceding explanation, Applicant asserts that the claimed feature of a feedback path and the claimed features of a first node and a second node are both clear and

definite. As such, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

The Examiner maintains the rejection of claims 9-12 and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,809,109 (***Moyal***). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Amended claim 9 recites an apparatus. Claim 9 calls for a feedback path having a first node and a second node, the feedback path comprising a current sensing portion, an analog-to-digital converter, a direct current cancellation portion, a current limiter portion, a digital-to-analog converter and a switch, wherein the analog-to-digital converter is adapted to process voice signals, and wherein the first node is coupled to the analog-to-digital converter input and the second node is coupled to the digital-to-analog converter output. Claim 9 further recites that the switch is adapted to couple the first and second nodes of the feedback path in response to receiving a control signal and a ringing generator for providing a ringing signal to a subscriber line in response to the control signal.

In view of the Applicants' amendments and the Examiner interviews discussing the same, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited art of does not teach all the features of claim 9. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts the pending claims are not anticipated by ***Moyal***, and are, in fact, allowable. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In light of the reasons presented above, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Houston, Texas telephone number (713) 934-4069 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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